

Golden-headed Lion Tamarin

Leontopithecus chrysomelus



Range: Bahia Brazil
 HBL: ♂: 20-33cm (7.9-13 in)
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 Tail: 38 cm (16 in)
 Weight: ♂ 540-690 g (19-24 oz)
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 Sexual Maturity: ♀: 16-24 month
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 Estrus: N/A
 Estrus cycle: N/A
 Gestation: 125-132 days
 Weaning: 8-12 weeks
 Habitat: rainforest with distinct dry
 Season
 Food: fruit gum insects spiders
 Activity: Diurnal
 Lifestyle: Arboreal
 Social: multi male female
 Breeding Polyandrous
 IUCN: Endangered
 Subspecies: Monotypic
 Longevity: captive Unknown

Order: Primates Family: Callitrichidae

Once considered a subspecies of the golden lion tamarin *L. rosalia* the Golden-headed Lion Tamarin is the most numerous of the lion tamarins. In fact the golden-headed lion tamarin's population is larger than the other three species combined. This is not meant to imply this species is common as the population is estimated at 15,000. The population is fragmented and occupies many types of Atlantic rainforest.

Like other members of the callitrichid family the black lion tamarin live in small family groups. Although some groups have a single dominant breeding pair many troops contain multiple adult male which the adult female breeds with. It is believed that by breeding with all the adult males the female fools the males to assist in caring for the offspring. All members of the troop assist in child care with the mother only carrying the young, usually twins, during feeding.